

# CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

## ANNOTATED MINUTES AGENDA ITEM

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### ***I. PROCEDURES:***

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Councilman Miller led the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Hamby offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Present were Mayor John Moore and Councilmen Don Dent (Vice-Mayor), Andrew Hamby, Frank McNelly, Bill Miller and Kevin Young. City Attorney Lat Celmins and Prosecutor Rick DePont were on hand for legal advice. Present from City Staff were City Manager Dennis Wells, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Joe Duffy, Police Chief Herman Nixon, Water Superintendent Ron Stilwell, Public Works Director Glenn Cornwell, Personnel Director Susan Kerley and City Planner/Interim City Clerk Harry Holmes. Councilman Wurgler arrived a moment later.
- D. Adoption of Agenda Councilman Hamby moved to adopt the agenda. Councilman Wurgler seconded and the motion carried 6-0.
- E. Approval of Minutes: July 24, 2008 Councilman Wurgler moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2008. Councilman Young seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

### ***II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:***

Tamara Dora from Railside RV Ranch, 877 East Rodeo Road, asked whether the sign regulations had changed since last year to allow oversized freestanding signs, flags and flashing lights such as at Canyon Motel. Councilman Miller suggested a variance. Pat Dora came forward to say that Railside did not wish to seek a variance but to ask whether the regulations had changed. Mayor Moore directed City Staff to look into the matter.

### ***III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:***

- A. Approval of Purchase Orders: J. Duffy
  - B. Approval of Check Register for the month ended July 31, 2008: J. Duffy
  - C. Approval of I.G.A. between Williams Unified School District and the City of Williams for School Safety Program: J. Duffy/H. Nixon
  - D. Approval of I.G.A. between the State of Arizona and the City of Williams for Bridge Inspections: G. Cornwell
- Councilmen Miller and Wurgler discussed the automotive bidding procedure with Mr. Duffy. Councilman McNelly then moved to approve the consent agenda items, Councilman Miller seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

### ***IV. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:***

- E. Discussion and decision regarding APS Focused Future II: Sally Odette (APS) Ms. Odette was not present. She will meet with City officials tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Moore struck the item from the agenda.

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- F. Update on Clock Plaza; Discussion and decision regarding recommendations from ad-hoc logo-sign committee: H. Holmes/Carol Glassburn

Ms. Glassburn thanked Rotary for donating the Clock and asked Council's approval for expanding the Plaza with additional flagstone, landscaping, flood lights and two benches. The estimated \$5,200 cost would be borne by Rotary and by Clean and Beautiful. Mayor Moore noted that two parking spaces would be eliminated. Councilman Young asked about placement of the sponsored bricks.

Councilman Wurgler moved to approve the expansion, Councilman Miller seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Glassburn then summarized the ad-hoc committee's proposal to replace all the logo signs with new poles and sign material, and to sell new, smaller logo panels. The new signs would be ADOT compatible with reflectorized blue background; their size would be reduced to 8' x 6' with 24" x 18" panels. She and Council then discussed the current condition of the signs and poles and the possible reuse of the poles.

After further discussion, Councilman Miller moved to table this item to look into possible cost savings and sources of funding. Councilman Young seconded. Vice-Mayor Dent suggested that Hoch Ortiz check the condition of the poles. Ms. Glassburn thanked the Council and Mayor Moore thanked Clean and Beautiful. The motion carried 6-0.

### ***RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING***

Mayor Moore recessed to a public hearing for the Vance Parcel rezoning request.

### ***RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION***

- G. Discussion and decision regarding approval of rezoning application for Vance Parcel (APN 201-32-009): H. Holmes

Councilman Hamby recused himself and left the Council Chambers. There being no public discussion of this item, Vice-Mayor Dent moved to reconvene the regular session, Councilman Wurgler seconded and the session resumed on a 5-0 vote.

Council discussed the site plan's provisions for recreational open space, the aesthetics of the proposed apartment building, the need for workforce housing in Williams, the property's unsuitability for high-end residential construction, the presence of nicer homes to the north and maintenance of the alley north of the property.

Councilman Wurgler moved to approve the request, saying that the proposal filled a need for affordable housing. Councilman Miller said it was a catch 22 (affordability vs. existing home owners) before seconding the motion. Mayor Moore called for a roll call vote.

- Councilman Wurgler voted aye;
- Councilman Miller voted aye;
- Vice-Mayor Dent voted nay;
- Councilman McNelly voted nay;
- Councilman Young voted aye.

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Mayor Moore stated for the record that the motion carried on a vote of 3-2 in favor.

- H. Discussion and decision regarding installation of radio antenna at Williams Airport: H. Holmes/Frank Schulte
- Mr. Schulte was not present. Mayor Moore reported that Mr. Schulte had requested permission to install a radio antenna at the Williams Airport. Mayor Moore said he had spoken with Mr. Schulte and thought it was a good plan. Councilman Miller asked to have the item removed from the agenda until the Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) had an opportunity to review the matter and give its recommendation.
- I. Discussion and decision regarding appointment to the Airport Advisory Committee (AAC): H. Holmes
- Mr. Holmes said that Paul Cook had attended the July 31<sup>st</sup> AAC meeting, and had a strong interest in the airport and a background in aviation. Mr. Cook expressed a desire to be on the Committee and was given an application form which he submitted August 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Holmes noted that the AAC seat was only vacancy on all the City's boards, committees and commissions and that no other application had been received. Councilman Miller nominated Paul Cook for appointment to the Committee, Councilman Young seconded and Mr. Cook was appointed by a 6-0 vote.
- J. Discussion and decision regarding signage and other safety requirements for the Country Club Drive golf cart crossing: D. Wells/G. Cornwell
- Mr. Wells introduced the signage and striping plan developed by Chief Nixon and Mr. Cornwell. He said there would be yellow lights and yield signs but no speed bumps.
- Mr. Cornwell explained that the plan would use the existing signs and that the striping was included in the contract. He said there would be Yield signs on the light poles, with Yield Ahead signs east of the golf course entrance and west of the storage yard. There would be stop signs for the golf carts.
- Mr. Cornwell said the speed would graduate in 10 mph increments:
- 35 mph south of Lazy E;
  - 25 mph through the curve to the easterly Yield Ahead sign;
  - 15 mph through the crossing zone to the next Yield Ahead sign;
  - 25 mph from the westerly Yield Ahead sign through the Highland Meadows Drive intersection; and
  - 35 mph west of Highland Meadows to the Forest Service property.
- As these are the current speed limits, no new signs are required. Council and Staff discussed the use of Yield and Stop signs. Golf carts must stop before proceeding across the road; cars must yield to carts in the crossing. Council and Chief Nixon discussed the laws related to unlicensed golf carts: they still must obey traffic laws and signs. They also discussed speed zone enforcement and the ordinances regarding how speed limits are set. Attorney Celmins said that the Council had the authority to set speed limits. Councilman Young asked City Staff to check into the ordinances. Mr. Cornwell said that most roads were limited according to design standards. Councilman Wurgler moved to

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approve the proposed safety plan, Vice-Mayor Dent seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

### V. *REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:*

- A. Mayor and Council Councilman Young asked for review of the speed limit on the Rodeo Road curve and suggested it should be 15 m.p.h. Councilman Hamby said speeding tickets may be unenforceable without a traffic study. Mr. DePont said that was not true and that 20 m.p.h. over the limit was a criminal offense. Mayor Moore called for a check of ordinances and policy on setting of speed limits.
- Councilman Wurgler reported on the August 12<sup>th</sup> Historic Preservation Commission hearing and said that the new awning for Grand Canyon Coffee and Café had been delivered but not yet installed.
- Councilman McNelly commented on the poor road maintenance north and east of the airport. He reported on the August 7<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning hearing and said there needed to be findings of fact for the Commission's decision denying the Baker Parcels rezoning request. Council, Mr. Wells and Mr. Cornwell discussed County vs. City maintenance.
- Vice-Mayor Dent reported on the August 4<sup>th</sup> Golf Committee meeting, and the appointment of two of its members to the steering committee for selection of a new Golf Pro and for revision of the Pro's contract. The steering committee will report back to the Golf Committee at the next scheduled meeting (September 2<sup>nd</sup>), and the Golf Committee's recommendations would go to Council as soon as September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilman Miller reported on the Airport Advisory Committee's July 31<sup>st</sup> organizational meeting and said the next meeting was scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilman Hamby said his experience with the Police Department driving simulator was great and said it should be helpful to the officers. Mayor Moore asked Attorney Celmins about the Cooper Road agreement. Council and Mr. Cornwell discussed the City's obligation to provide paved access to the Gonzales Ranch property and the possible annexation of the County areas near the golf course. The Mayor also stated that the Morse Avenue extension should be no problem. On the frontage road, Rich Gorney said that Mr. Daggett was willing to sign a right-of-way deed but that Dr. Singh wanted to see drawings of the entire road. Mr. Sundaram remains a holdout. The Mayor said the Council should have a work session at least once a month. He, Councilman Wurgler and Mr. Celmins discussed the open meeting law and the need for posting and public access.
- B. City Manager and Staff Reports Mr. Wells reported on two pieces of water legislation: SB 1575 would give counties the authority to impose stricter 100-year adequacy requirements on county areas and on cities; another bill would create a

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state fund to aid rural water development.

Mr. Duffy said the RFQ was ready to be sent to engineering firms wanting to be listed for selection by the City on future contracts. He said there should be two or three members of Council on the selection committee. A copy of the RFQ will be sent to Council. Selection should be done in October.

Councilman Young asked about the local contractor preference points. Mr. Cornwell said he had some information on the County's local preference system.

Chief Nixon asked all who could to attend the high school scrimmage Friday and the middle school game Tuesday.

Ms. Kerley introduced the new request tracking log and described its usage. She said it would probably need fine tuning. She then handed out League packets, noting that rooms had been pre-paid.

Mayor Moore thanked the Council for its hard work.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The meeting recessed for five minutes prior to the executive session

Pursuant to A.R.S. #38-431.03 (A) (3) and A.R.S. #38-43103 (A) (7), Council received an update from Attorneys Lat Celmins and Rick DePont on pending legal and real estate issues.

**VII. ADJOURN:** Following the Executive Session, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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Mayor John Moore

ATTEST

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City Clerk